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# SEPTA riders again 'caught in crossfire'

As if riding SEPTA wasn't exciting enough, police are investigating a shooting at a Market-Frankford Line train Monday night — the second shooting at a SEPTA vehicle in service since June.

The shooting happened around 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset station and was one of two incidents within a few hours involving SEPTA vehicles. Passengers were on the train when a male being chased by two armed suspects ran to the station, jumped the turnstile and bolted towards a train as it pulled out of the station, officials said. The assailants gave chase and fired multiple shots, one of which struck the train, but no one was injured.

SEPTA spokeswoman Jerri Williams said the victim never boarded the train, but hid in the station until the gunmen left.

"SEPTA operates in Philadelphia. What happens on SEPTA is a microcosm of what happens in Philadelphia," Williams said. "We know that there's violence occurring out there and [when] we operate in the city we may get caught in the crossfire."

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▶ Somerset station

SOLOMON D. LEACH

# Cameras now key to slowing mob attacks

- Philly police have begun registering Center City's thousands of surveillance cameras
- Official believe they will eventually become a deterrent but for now will help solve crimes

Surveillance cameras will become the new weapon of choice in Philadelphia's war on mob violence.

Three students involved in an attack on the afternoon of July 29, hours before swarms of wilding youths spurred authorities to announce a citywide crackdown, have been identified after school officials went door to door soliciting video footage of the incident.

The process is becoming even easier for investigators as the police department rolls out its SafeCam initiative. The program encourages residents and businesses to register their security cameras with the department online, creating a map of available footage.

"In addition to canvassing the neighborhood and knocking on 50 doors and asking, 'Do you have a camera? Is it working?' we will have information for cameras that are registered so we can contact their owners directly," said Karima Zedan of the police department. Between 80 and 100 people registered in the first week of the program's implementation.

Although Center City business owners support the initiative, many say cameras are more useful after crimes occur.

"I don't think people need to rush out and get cameras. Cameras are tools that can help investigations as additional eyes on the streets," Paul Levy of the Center City District said. "But they're a secondary tool. The primary tool is people in uniforms patrolling downtown. What we need is a clear, visible presence of officers on the street so people can feel safe."

Police are working on a system to catalog how many crimes are solved via camera footage, but at least four homicides and hundreds of other cases have been cleared this way, Zedan estimates.

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▶ Thousands of city-owner and privately-owned cameras keep watch over downtown streets.

**"I think cameras can serve both a deterrent purpose and act as an investigative tool, but initially, the cameras will clearly serve a purpose after the fact."** ZEDAN

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## Cameras solved July 29 case

The surveillance footage of the July 29 attack, obtained from local businesses by Mastery Charter School officials, showed six students swarming a pedestrian, punching and kicking him. The man, 36, suffered severe jaw injuries.

"Young people often talk about things they do and Mastery generally has a pretty close network, so I'd like to think we would've found out eventually, but having cameras made it much easier and quicker," said CEO Scott Jordan, who sent an apology letter out to the community.

▶ Mob

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**ROB WONDERLING**
GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# PHILLY GETS YOUNGER, STRONGER

**What's a thirtysomething doing on a Saturday morning painting rainbows at McClure Elementary School in North Philadelphia? Making a difference.**

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That thirtysomething is one of more than 1,100 young people living and working in the Greater Philadelphia region who are part of the Young Professionals Network of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. And that number is growing.

According to the 2010 census, the Greater Philadelphia region's population growth rate was higher than those of New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Detroit and Pittsburgh over the last decade. The data says our region ranks fifth with Houston closing in fast. Even cooler is the reported increase in the number of young people living in our region. For years, there has been a concern that our region (with its superb system of higher education) was educating kids who would then move on to other locales upon graduation. While it is still a concern, the needle is moving in the right direction for the first time in decades.

When not climbing the corporate ladder, the young professionals with YPN are donating their time and talent to volunteer for various worthy causes.

One YPN member, Sarah DeLaurentis, is the co-chair of the YPN Volunteer Committee and works as the Development Officer for Valley Youth House for Achieving Independence Center. The center helps abused, neglected and homeless youths, as well as their families. Last year, Sarah and the many other YPNers donated nearly 400 hours of their time to various organizations throughout the region.

To participate in YPN or receive additional information about professional development and volunteer opportunities, please e-mail me at rwonderling @greaterphilachamber.com or visit www.greaterphilachamber.com.

*– Rob Wonderling is president and CEO of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. His column appears the second Wednesday of each month.*

### YPN, Y-E-S

**Because of YPN's volunteer efforts:**

- **85 children** from McClure Elementary received brand-new toys last Christmas as part of YPN's annual gift drive.
- **1,038 young people** from Philadelphia and Chester are working as paid interns this summer at companies located throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.
- **175 third- and fourth-graders** from McClure Elementary heard from members during YPN's annual Career & Education Day.
- **100 children with special needs** were able attend a Phillies game as part of an event in partnership with Variety, The Children's Charity.

### More on the Chamber

- For more information about how the Chamber can help get you connected, visit www.greaterphilachamber.com or call 215-545-1234.
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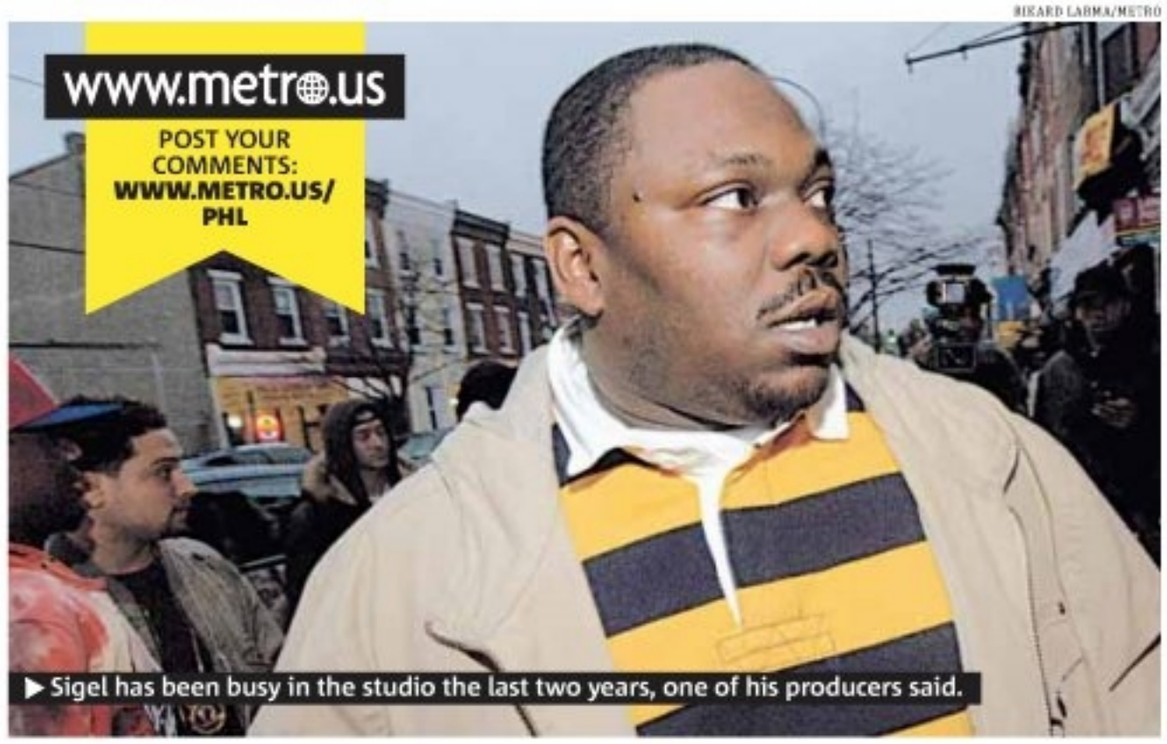


▶ Sigel has been busy in the studio the last two years, one of his producers said.

# Jail, new album in Beans' future?

**South Philly's rap star faces up to three years after pleading to tax evasion yesterday ◐ Also planning to drop new album 'The Classic' in coming months**

Rapper Beanie Sigel has a busy second half of 2011 in his future, with sentencing in November scheduled yesterday after pleading guilty to failing to file income taxes for three years and negotiations under way for releasing his fifth album.

Sigel, 37, whose real name is Dwight Grant, admitted in U.S. District Court that between 2003 and 2005 he did not file returns for what the government says is in excess of $450,000 on more than $1 million in income.

Uncertainty remains over possible jail time since Sigel's lawyer, Fortunato Perri, Jr., said he will challenge the loss amount provided by federal prosecutors prior to sentencing. It also remains up in the air as to when his new album will be released, at least publicly, as he works on details with some big names, including DJ Green Lantern. A message left last night for Sigel's manager was not immediately returned.

**Quoted**

**"He's accepted his responsibility for failure to file the income tax returns, but the issue in regards to the loss amount is something I think will need to be resolved prior to sentencing."**

**PERRI, ON HOW MUCH SIGEL MAY OWE THE GOVERNMENT**

One of the producers on his upcoming album, Shawn "SK" Kuiper, said Sigel has been working hard in the studio the last two years, describing the rapper as "a cool dude" and "a family man."

"This is gonna be some of the best stuff Beans has done," said Kuiper, who runs a local recording studio called Rec Room Recording. "People think he's sitting there sleeping and not doing anything, but he's been coming harder than ever."

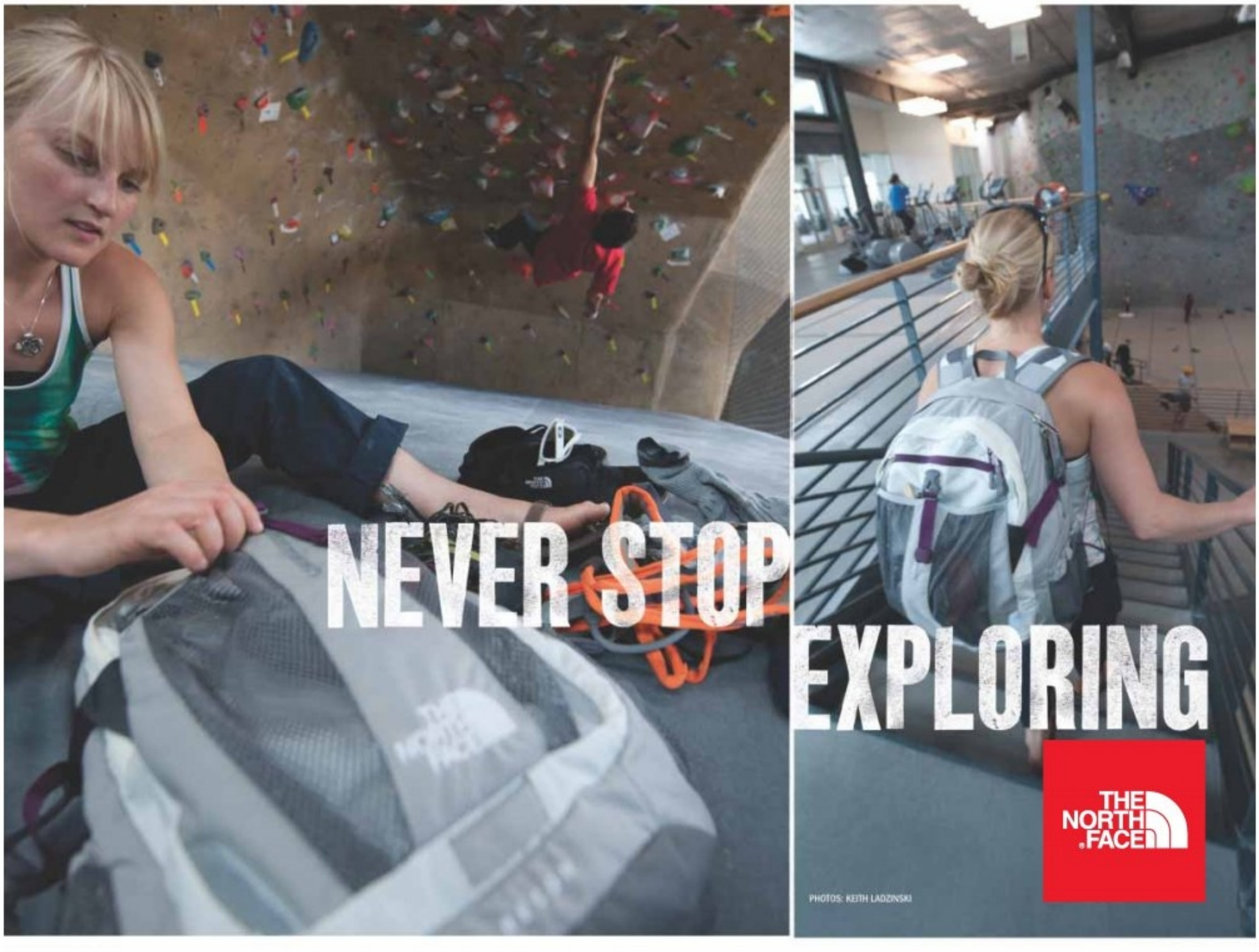
**BRIAN X. McCRONE** and **SOLOMON D. LEACH**

## Fast-food holdups equal life in jail

**PHILADELPHIA.** A 24-year-old man was sentenced to 107 years in prison yesterday for taking part in five armed robberies of fast-food restaurants in October 2008.

Devon Brinkley of Philadelphia was convicted in May of robbing two Dunkin' Donuts in Philadelphia, a Dunkin' Donuts and a Pizza Hut in Upper Darby and a McDonald's in Radnor over a nine-day period. In each robbery, Brinkley and his co-defendants entered the restaurants with guns drawn, threatened the employees and customers and forced them to the floor as they stole money from the cash registers and safes.

Brinkley's four co-defendants previously pleaded guilty. METRO/SDL



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## Verizon seeks injunctions against strikers

Verizon Communications Inc. has sought court injunctions to prevent striking workers from blocking access to the company's facilities, a spokesman said on the third day of a strike involving almost half of the company's wireline employees.

Two unions representing 45,000 workers called a strike on Sunday after a labor contract expired and several weeks of talks for a new contract failed. REUTERS

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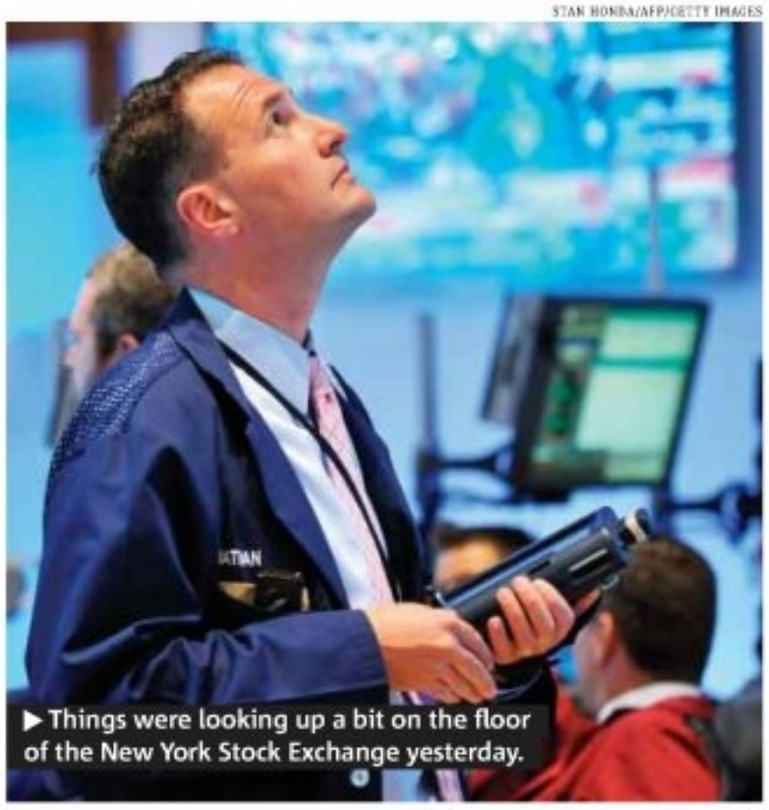

▶ Things were looking up a bit on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

## Apple briefly takes top spot

Apple Inc. briefly edged past Exxon Mobil Corp. yesterday to become the most valuable company in the U.S. after days of volatile stock market action. The technology giant's market value rose to $341.5 billion, just above Exxon's $341.4 billion, even though the oil major's annual revenue is four times that of Apple's. Exxon quickly regained the No. 1 spot. REUTERS

# Wall Street roars back in wild trade

### ◗ Fed says economy weakened, to keep rates low for two years ◗ Apple gets brief moment in the spotlight

Stocks rallied yesterday in a volatile session as investors struggled to decipher the Fed's signals on the economy after a dizzying two-week slide.

Buying accelerated into the close and the S&P 500 posted its best day in more than two years, following a drop of nearly 17 percent over the past weeks.

The market reversed direction six times after a Fed statement that pledged two more years of near-zero interest rates.

Bank shares roared back from recent losses with the KBW capital markets index up 6.7 percent.

"The last three or four weeks, the stock market has really discounted a mild recession," said Mohannad Aama of Beam Capital Management LLC.

"The market has to start factoring in what the response from the Fed and the government will be. There is still a small chance for a fiscal stimulus aimed at job creation. The FOMC statement today was positive for equities." REUTERS

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**The U.S. faces one-in-four odds of slipping back into recession, and a weaker economic outlook is raising the likelihood the Federal Reserve will soon do more to boost growth, a Reuters poll shows.**

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# Police swarm streets of London to battle unrest

## Thousands of cops try to keep peace Chaos spreads outside city

Riots flared in English cities and towns last night as London waited anxiously to see if thousands of police deployed on its streets could head off the youths who had rampaged across the capital virtually unchecked for three nights.

In Salford, part of greater Manchester in northwest England, rioters threw bricks at police and set fire to buildings. A BBC cameraman was assaulted.

Television pictures showed flames leaping from shops and cars in Salford and Manchester, and plumes of thick black smoke billowing across roads.

In central Manchester, police said a clothes shop was set alight. "I can confirm a shop is on fire and 200 youths that gathered in the city center have been chased by riot police and dispersed. Seven arrests have been made so far," a spokesman for Greater Manchester Police said.

Further south in West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, cars were burned and stores raided.

Community leaders said the violence in London — the worst for decades in the huge, multi-ethnic capital — was rooted in growing disparities in wealth and opportunity. REUTERS

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▶ Police walk past a burning shop in Manchester. Recent riots and looting are expanding outside London proper.

## Polygamist leader gets life in jail

**SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.** Polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, who heads a breakaway Mormon sect, was sentenced to life in prison yesterday for sexually assaulting two underage girls he claimed as "spiritual" brides.

The Texas jury of 10 women and two men deliberated for less than an hour before giving him a 99-year, or life, sentence for one charge and 20 years for a second — the maximum for both. REUTERS

## Junk food still stars in TV ads

**NEW YORK.** Children are seeing fewer sugary, fatty foods advertised on TV — but unhealthy fare still makes up the bulk of food commercials they see, a new study suggests.

What's more, researchers found, children were actually seeing more fast-food commercials in 2009 compared with six years earlier.

Reported in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, the study intended to gauge the effects of a voluntary food industry program called the Children's Food and Beverage Advertising Initiative. REUTERS

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# THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

## Why stars fight the passage of time

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▶ Sinead in 1990 (left) and last month.

Look. I'm not going to devote this space to outline my feelings on women, celebrity, and plastic surgery (that would take at least 200 more words than my usual word count). Let's just say: It's a complicated issue. However, what I don't understand is why everyone moans about women in Hollywood getting plastic surgery after a certain age — and why the stars lie about doing so. It's their job to be on top of their body and image and that means extreme exercise, diet, and yes, probably a nip and tuck here and there. They have to fight the passage of time tooth and nail or else they will wake up in their 40s resembling this disheartening photo of poor **Sinead O'Connor**, now 44, and their fans would be kinda freaked out.

On one hand, it's awesome that O'Connor is comfortable with herself and just doesn't give a crap and, really, looks like any normal 44-year-old woman out there. On the other, what happened to that angry little Irish spitfire?! And, perhaps most importantly: Has someone tipped off **Susan Boyle** to the fact that O'Connor raided her closet?

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### Dirtiest dancing?

▶ Way back when.

You're going to have the time of your life — again. Lionsgate says it is remaking the 1987 film "Dirty Dancing," with original choreographer **Kenny Ortega** taking over as director. Per the press release, Ortega states he is eager to discover and cast "the next breakout triple-threats" to define dancing for a generation, the way Swayze did in the original "Dirty Dancing."

This is a bad, weird idea, Hollywood! What qualifies as dirty dancing anymore? When 50-year-olds know how to bump and grind, it's a tip-off that it's not as thrilling as it once was.

### The truth will set Pitt free

It may have taken six years, but someone is finally saying what everyone suspected: **Brad Pitt** cheated on **Jennifer Aniston** with **Angelina Jolie**, according to a new book by "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" by producer **Arnon Milchan**. "At first, Jen didn't believe he was involved with Angelina. She started asking around but no one would tell her anything because they were loyal to Brad, so she asked him point blank. He denied it," Milchan reports. "He eventually admitted he was in love with Angelina. Jen was furious and threw him out."

### The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Paris Hilton lives it up, Neil Patrick Harris is regretting that play date with Elton John, Tyra Banks isn't convinced, and Conan O'Brien needs to get out more.

▶ @ParisHilton
Midnight in Ibiza, just now on our way to dinner. The night has just begun...

▶ @ActuallyNPH
Terrific. Now, instead of blocks, all the twins are wanting for their birthday is a mega-yacht.

▶ @tyrabanks
Arguing w/somebody I think is insane. They are saying u can learn ANYTHING on Internet, including learning 2B a heart surgeon! WhatUThink?

▶ @ConanOBrien
Just realized I was reading the Wikipedia page for Steve Urkel. Time to go outside!

Banks

### Talking points

#### Undercover Leo

**Leonardo DiCaprio** and **Blake Lively** brought their undercover romance to Los Angeles, trying to keep things low-key with a dinner date in the east side's Los Feliz neighborhood, according to People magazine. The pair reportedly dined out at the restaurant Umami Burger, where Lively "looked very happy and kept smiling," a source says, adding that DiCaprio appeared to enjoy himself, too. "He gently grabbed her hand at one point and he seemed very into Blake."

▶ DiCaprio

#### Feeling blue from being blue (literally)

**Zoe Saldana** admits that the success of "Avatar" was too much for her. "The year after 'Avatar' was just emotionally overwhelming. I was traveling all over the world, waking up in different time zones. Your body gets exhausted, and by the end of the year I just collapsed," Saldana tells Latina magazine. "I was sitting in my hotel room, and I couldn't stop crying. I couldn't stay awake. I must have slept for an entire month." Things are much better now that Saldana has learned to take some time for herself, though: "I just stay at home and do absolutely nothing," Zoe says. "I don't shower if I don't want to. I don't answer e-mails. It's a healthy way of being selfish."

▶ Saldana

▶ Winehouse

#### You can still dress like Winehouse

Despite her untimely death last week, **Amy Winehouse**'s clothing collections for Fred Perry will still see the light of day. "When Fred Perry came to us to ask what we would like to do with the new collection it was natural to continue," **Mitch Winehouse**, Amy's father, says in a statement to Women's Wear Daily. "Amy loved working on both collections and would want them to be made available." Proceeds from the first of the two collections will go to the Amy Winehouse Foundation.

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## Blanket at 9 years old and other celeb sightings

▶ **1:** Anne Hathaway at the "One Day" premiere at the AMC Loews Lincoln Square 13 theater in New York on Monday.

▶ **2:** Oh, wow! It's MJ's kids! Prince, now 14 years old, along with 13-year-old Paris and 9-year-old Blanket Jackson appeared with their aunt Latoya Jackson at a Michael Jackson Artwork Donation ceremony at the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles on Monday.

▶ **3:** Mini-me? Ben Stiller and Jesse Eisenberg at the after-party for the premiere of "30 Minutes or Less" in Los Angeles on Monday.

▶ **4:** Celebrity mug shot time! Here's the booking photo of Antwan Patton, also known as Big Boi of the rap group Outkast, who was arrested on drug possession charges on Sunday in Miami. He had quite the recipe for a serious party: Ecstasy pills, MDMA powder and Viagra.

▶ **5:** Take it off, Moz! Morrissey performed onstage at Brixton Academy in London on Sunday.

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Movie review

DALE ROBINETTE

▶ Emma Stone, Octavia Spencer and Viola Davis star in "The Help," which opens nationwide today.

## A dose of grit needed in 'The Help'

**'The Help'**
**Director:** Tate Taylor
**Cast:** Emma Stone, Viola Davis and Bryce Dallas Howard
**Rating:** PG-13
**Grade:** ●●●○○

"The Help" takes place against the backdrop of a time in the South when groups like the White Citizen's Council had a storefront on Main Street. The story of a plucky young writer (Emma Stone) and two courageous African-American maids (Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer) who write a book exposing the real lives of the domestic help is a finely acted but somewhat sanitized look at Mississippi life in 1963. Long on emotion and sincerity, to be truly effective this could have used a little more grit, but it does tell an important and heartfelt story.

RICHARD CROUSE

# Empowered women vs. unmanly men on ABC

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▶ Is something on fire? "Last Man Standing" star Tim Allen is a "real man" — he can fix it!

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### Live from TCA press tour: Why does it seem like everyone on the network is fighting to define themselves?

"We are known for creating storytelling with empowered women," ABC Entertainment Group President Paul Lee said of his network at the Television Critics Association press tour on Sunday. He cited hits "Desperate Housewives" and "Grey's Anatomy" as examples — along with new additions to the ABC schedule, "Charlie's Angels," a remake about the famous trio of butt-kicking women, and "Pan Am," following flight attendants in the 1960s. Yet ABC will also premiere new comedies "Man Up!" and "Last Man Standing," series that both attempt to address a perceived demasculinization of American men.

What gives? Why is the dissection of gender roles suddenly at the forefront of the network's lineup?

"It's the job of television, and has been since we started, to look at the plight of men, to look at the plight of women. And I think we look at it in very different ways," Lee insists. "It's our job to create television that questions how people feel in the world."

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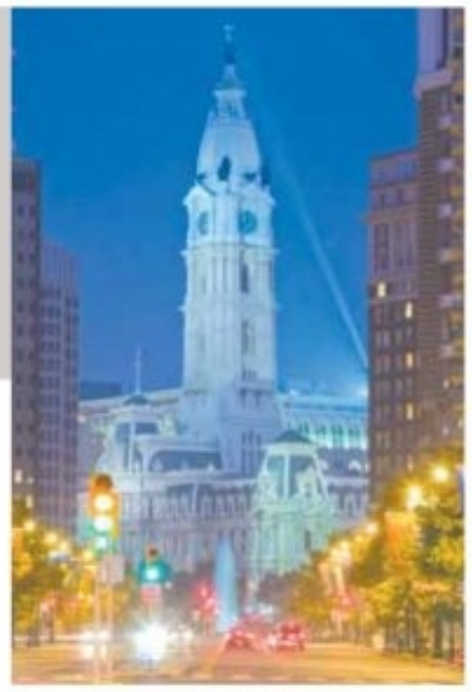

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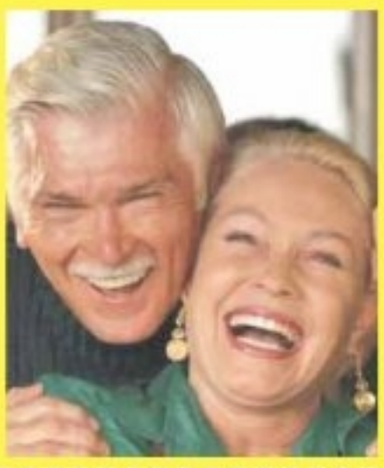

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If you're new to Spanx, the shapewear line that's been smoothing women's tummies and butts for the past ten years, no worries: Founder Sara Blakely gave us a one-on-one consultation for looking hot no matter the event.

Here's Blakely's advice on how to wear your Spanx:

**If you're attending a fancy event:** "If I'm in a long evening gown, I would probably have on my Bra-llelujah! — either strapless [the Bra-Cha-Cha] or one of the regular ones — and I would probably have on a high-waisted footless control pantyhose."

▶ Sarah Blakely, right, with Spanx CEO Laurie Ann Goldman.

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**If you have a lunch date:** "If I [were] wearing a little summer dress or something to go meet somebody for lunch, I'd probably have on my Slim Cognito shaper shorts or Skinny Britches — they're [really] lightweight — and the Bra-llelujah!"

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▶ Rihanna helped create a new tropical flavor of coconut water for Vita Coco, one of the brands that didn't fare so well in the study. Maybe she should stick to making music.

If you rely on coconut water for hydration after a workout, or you just like to sip some as you go about your day, you may want to rethink your decision to do so: A new study calls into question some claims by the leading manufacturers of the trendy beverage.

The researchers at ConsumerLab.com looked at levels of sodium, potassium, magnesium and sugar content in Zico Natural, Vita Coco and O.N.E. and found that only Zico Natural had the actual levels of each purported on its label.

Vita Coco and O.N.E. contained the sugar and potassium amounts advertised, but the actual amount of sodium was less by as much as 82 percent, and the actual amount of magnesium was less by as much as 35 percent. Both sodium and magnesium play important roles in hydration.

"It was disappointing to see the results of the Consumer Lab study," says nutritionist Joy Bauer, author of "Joy Bauer's Food Cures." "For very serious athletes exercising several hours a day who are relying on these drinks to help them recover each day, a sports beverage with regulated amounts of electrolytes may be the best option. But for the rest of us nonathletes and casual exercisers who don't need the extra carbs or electrolytes, plain old water is the best beverage for proper hydration. It is naturally calorie-free, sugar-free and sodium-free."

Coconut water's renown led to the study, according to Tod Cooperman, president of ConsumerLab.com. "We wanted to know what was really in these products and if they lived up to their labels," he told Metro.

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# Texting in public: When is it not OK?

People are addicted to their mobile devices and social media, and naturally it spills into the dating world. I see more and more clients for such issues. Texting, Facebook and other social networking — although they have great benefits — have bred a culture of social decline. For proof, next time you're at a party, look around and note how many people are buried in electronic devices.

Regarding dating: Frankly, if people can't stay off their devices for an hour or two, that's a problem. Of course there are extenuating circumstances that might warrant responding to a text on a date (for instance, if one is on call for work or expecting an important message). But, by and large, out of respect to others, people should adhere to the rule that's been around for years: Never take calls during dinner. If that isn't possible, then the person should ask to be excused, explaining that it's an important text or call. Another strategy is to keep the phone on vibrate or silent, and then check messages in the restroom.

As for how you can respond to such a situation, if it's a first or second date, consider this behavior an enlightening moment as you get to know the person. Clearly you have different social-etiquette values that could prove problematic. If, though, it's someone you've gotten to know and like, then let that person know you enjoy his or her company, acknowledge the calls and suggest meeting another time. This subtle yet direct approach should be an obvious wake-up call.

*– Jonathan Alpert is a licensed psychotherapist. E-mail him your questions at jonathan@jonathanalpert.com*

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### The question

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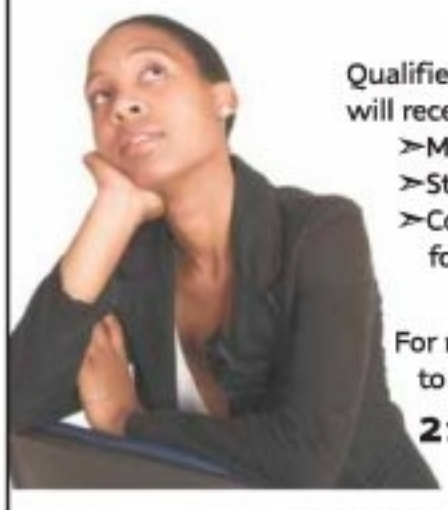

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### Stop pointing fingers

**RE: BLAME IT ON THE REIGN:** Mr. Connell blames Tea Party Republican freshmen for our troubles in Washington. Does he realize that Obama was a freshman senator when he won the White House? He is the least-effective president I have seen in my lifetime. His abilities are limited to using social media to brainwash our youth. Our crisis will not end until he leaves office and is replaced by someone, from either party, who can gain the support of both houses. As an additional tool to solve our problems, EVERYONE in Washington needs to pay in to Social Security.

**MICHAEL BURTON, ROCKLEDGE, PA**

### Impatience leads to failure

**RE: BLAME IT ON THE REIGN:** Mr. Connell hit the nail on the head when he pointed out that the voters put tea baggers in congress. Now the same voters are in picket lines in Wisconsin and other states complaining about Congress. People always like to point out a tethering president, but what about the tethering voters? Obama and the Democrats were just getting the economy turned around before impatient voters put Tea Party activists in congress. Stop complaining about Congress not functioning — you voted for it!

**VICTOR R. ROBINSON, PHILADELPHIA**

### End this lame blame game

Blaming the Tea Party for the destruction of the American economy is a cop-out. Government does not create economic prosperity, businesses do. If we depend on God and not the government, this mess will evaporate. Recognize that people are not in office to make us happy and take care of us. Personal responsibility is a must!

**OMAR BRANCH, VIA E-MAIL**

### Accountability of parliament

With riots in London escalating, news sources are focusing on how they'll affect the upcoming Olympic Games. They should focus on what leads thousands in impoverished neighborhoods to take violent action. I don't condone violence, but socioeconomic factors like police brutality, high unemployment and deep cuts to social programs sparked the riots. The government refuses to acknowledge these issues because they don't want to give the rioters legitimacy.

**NICK AQUINO, VIA E-MAIL**

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## Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although your inclination may be urging you to waste your time playing hooky, get a grip on yourself and pay attention to neglected responsibilities.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you're not careful, without realizing it you could easily begin to impose your will upon your companions. If you do, you won't be very popular.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Striving for lofty goals is admirable, but unless you choose realistic aims, they might not be that easy to achieve. If that's the case, don't start blaming others for your poor choices.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Associates will be unreceptive to your suggestions if in the past you have been close-minded to theirs. At the very least, be willing to listen and consider what they have to say.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Constant vigilance is essential if you are responsible for a project that could affect the welfare of others. Don't take lightly your commitment.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It's a time for building bridges, not barriers. For the sake of harmony and progress, you and your mate shouldn't butt heads, but put them together for a common cause.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** With your physical and mental energies both in high gear, you could have difficulty distinguishing the difference between assertiveness and mere aggressiveness. Take care.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Instead of associating with a clique that is made up of certain people who make you feel uncomfortable, you should find companions who have pleasant ways to spend their time.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you want others to be supportive of your interests, you must be there for them when they need you. Make some time to help an associate.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Being in a talkative mood could have you telling others about things you might otherwise keep to yourself. Don't let something slip out that you need to keep under tight wraps.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** When you find yourself in a spending mood, your material desires can be very pronounced, which could be the case at his juncture. Be very careful about going off on a wild spree.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You're more easily influenced than you may realize, so take care that you're not unduly swayed by others to waste your time. Set some goals and go after them. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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17 Egret cousin
18 Perfume bottle
19 String quartet member
20 Nursery buy (2 wds.)
22 Rap-sheet names
24 Palm off
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27 In a huff
30 Continuous arrivals
35 Teen bane
36 Surfeit
37 Big umbrella
38 Undershirt
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42 201, to Claudius
43 Chalky mineral
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46 Helena rival
48 Mirage
50 Paddled
51 Holiday cheer
52 Imported cheese
54 Kind of rice
58 Faint
62 Fermented milk
63 Pre-college
65 Make a sweater
66 Harebrained
67 Nothing, in Nice
68 Sicilian landmark
69 Mammoth
70 Structure, briefly
71 Many boxers

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1 Boat mooring
2 Oak leaf part
3 Tune from an opera
4 Pensive
5 Totally lacking
6 Departures
7 Pasture
8 "La __ Bonita" (Madonna tune)
9 Salon offering
10 Home furnishing (2 wds.)
11 WWW addresses
12 Fish choice
13 Low cards
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28 Just perfect
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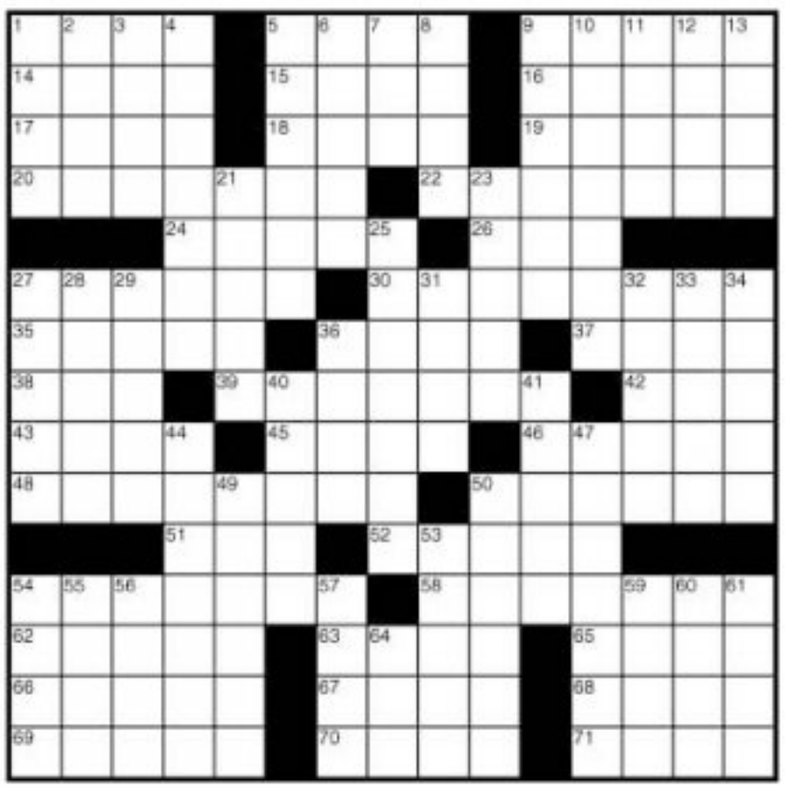

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# Crowded Phils outfield good dilemma to have

**Mayberry vital piece, even with Pence in the lineup ◗ Manuel compares outfielder to Werth ◗ Has 14 extra base hits since early July ◗ Just happy to be on team**

The handwriting was on the right-field wall for Domonic Brown and John Mayberry Jr. when the Phillies acquired Hunter Pence.

The Phillies wanted a proven right-handed bat. Brown was sent back to the minors and Mayberry's role was reduced. It didn't matter that Mayberry has been hot since being recalled from Triple-A in early July. Fourteen of Mayberry's 19 hits have gone for extra bases, including two key home runs this past weekend in San Francisco.

"It's good that I'm getting extra-base hits," Mayberry said. "It's good when you get any hits up here, but ones for extra bases are always good."

Mayberry 27, understands why the Phillies picked up Pence. He's just happy that he's still part of what appears to be a pretty special ball club.

"It's just really good to be here," Mayberry said. "Of course, it would be great to start but I'm just happy to be contributing any way that I can."

Mayberry is what Charlie Manuel believes could be a late-bloomer, kind of like Jayson Werth, who emerged with the Phillies at age 29.

"I can see John being the same way as Jayson," Manuel said. "It's a similar situation. Once Jayson started hitting right-handed pitching regularly, he won a starting job. Mayberry has to be more consistent hitting right-handed pitching. He's doing pretty good."

Mayberry has speed and can play all three outfield positions. He has nine home runs, 13 doubles and 31 RBIs in 166 bats. Entering last night, Mayberry was also batting .333 (4-for-12) in August.

"That's not bad," Manuel said. "He has all the tools and the talent. We'll see what he does."

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▶ Mayberry has been making the most of limited at-bats ever since the Phillies acquired Hunter Pence.

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▶ Herzlich makes the most of his fate.

# Local kid Herzlich trying to make good impression with Big Blue

Mark Herzlich has overcome far greater setbacks than not being drafted, so when the former Boston College star was bypassed in April's draft, he simply shrugged it off.

Herzlich, who famously beat cancer, said he wasn't going to let something so trivial like a draft snub throw him off course, especially when it all worked out. He signed a free-agent contract to play with his family's favorite team, the New York Giants.

Wait a minute. Didn't Herzlich attend Conestoga High School? Herzlich told the New York media that he didn't want to discuss his childhood rooting interests. As a kid, growing up on the Main Line, he was an Eagles fan.

"Everybody is going to be upset, but I'm from Philadelphia, so you know how that goes."

He was quick to point out that his dad has "always been a Giants fan, if that gives [New York fans] some solace."

Giants GM Jerry Reese said signing the young linebacker wasn't a charity thing or done for good public relations.

"I think Herzlich is kind of like a joker," Reese said. "He can play any of the linebacker spots." METRO

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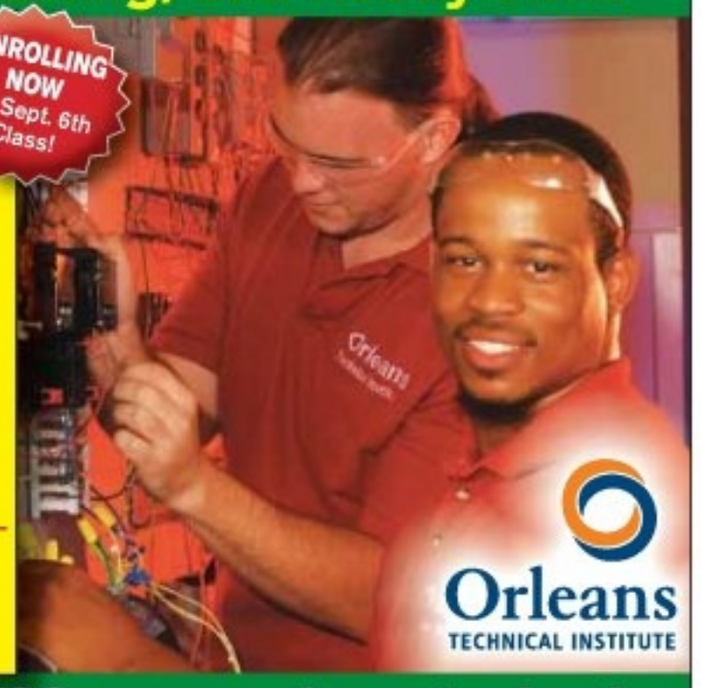

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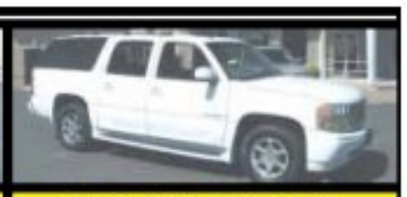
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# PARKS AND RECREATIONS

**It can be difficult to get fans to the ballpark in September if their team is out of it. Football has started, there are leaves to rake and did I mention the start of football? That's why teams resort to silly gimmicks to attract fans.**

The Kansas City Royals, who haven't been relevant for two decades, are going to try to set a Guinness World Record for the **"Most People Being Massaged"** on Sept. 17. If you purchase a ticket in a certain section ($25), you'll get a **Yoga Mat** and receive a massage.

Will this event also set a record for the most happy ending requests? I can't wait until someone claims they received too hard of a massage and brings a frivolous lawsuit.

A team actually in a pennant race is also going the way of the gimmick: the Giants. The defending World Series champs are having **"Star Wars Day"** on Sept. 4 at AT&T park. The ticket package includes a seat in the "Star Wars" section, access to a pregame costume party and a "limited edition Star Wars/Giants" trinket.

If 1,000 people show up and 300 are women, how many will be dressed as **Princess Leia**? You know the outfit I'm talking about (hint: think **Jabba the Hutt**). I expect no less than 227 dressed as **Boba Fett**, and the lazy fans will show up as **Han Solo** or **Luke Skywalker**. There will be at least one ejection because a fight breaks out over which was better: "Star Wars" or "The Empire Strikes Back."

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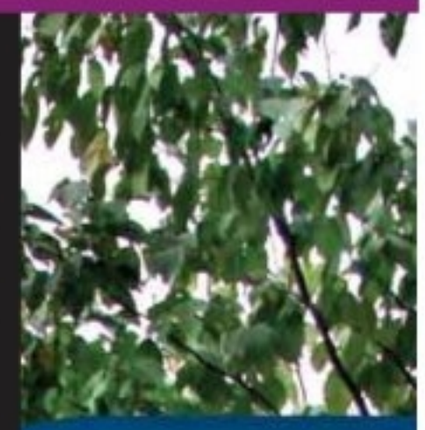

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**It's close to Center City, but this vibrant area has a scene that's completely its own Where to eat, drink, shop — and maybe even live — in the neighborhood**

**Neighborhood guide**

## Going Out

There's a little something for everyone when it comes to nightlife.

While even the snobbiest of beer snobs would be in hoppy heaven at Belgian Cafe (21st and Green streets), the knowledgeable staff is newbie friendly at this mainstay that, surprisingly, serves up an innovative veggie menu alongside its popular mussels and burgers.

The no-frills Bishop's Collar (2349 Fairmount Ave.) has a cozy neighborhood vibe that will make you feel like an immediate regular, while Urban Saloon (2120 Fairmount Ave.) and Kite and Key (1836 Callowhill St.) are always happy to add one more to the party.

## Dining

Brunch in Fairmount is an embarrassment of syrupy riches. Sabrina's (1804 Callowhill St.) has quite possibly the only French toast worth waiting an hour-plus for, while Figs (2501 Meredith St.) serves up killer sweet-and-fluffy pancakes. Other must-nibbles include the beloved, funky Ethiopian restaurant Era (2743 Poplar St .) and Doma (1822 Callowhill St.), the rare neighborhood sushi powerhouse.

Consider this your dessert: All of the above are BYO.

## Behind the bars

Although you've probably been there for their top-notch haunted house, Eastern State Penitentiary is more than a cool landmark in the summer months. Check out historical exhibits including Al Capone's luxurious, Anthropologie-catalog-worthy cell, or take one of the new "Hands-On History" tours.


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▶ Eastern State looms above ice cream hot spot Philly Flavors. "The prison has always been an anchor for the neighborhood," says ESP's Brett Bertolino.

▶ According to Trulia, there are 281 homes for sale in the area.

## Living

"I don't think you could find a better place to live. It almost feels like a village — you walk down the street and you see everybody you know," says Brett Bertolino, director of Operations at Eastern State and a Fairmount resident.

The average listing price, according to Trulia.com, is $368,970, while the median sale price is $299,900.

## This grass is greener

When Shannon Price Slusher bought his rowhouse in Fairmount three and a half years ago, he knew he'd be making some green upgrades."I spent a lot of my life abroad, I spent four years in Germany, I grew up on a farm, and for me, being green was part of who I was," he says.

Earlier this summer, his home was recognized as the first LEED certified rowhouse in the city. Although it appears to be a typical quaint rowhouse from the street, it features two green roofs (with veggie gardens that would make your basil blush) and a sophisticated water collection system, among numerous other energy efficient amenities.

"Fairmount's a nice balance for me," says Slusher. "It's a community, it's very neighborhoody. I train for a triathlon so I'm right on the path, I can cycle out to Valley Forge, the bus line's right there, and I can walk to work if I want."

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- Five ways to be more tech-savvy

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First, you must make sure you can count on your roommate candidate to pay his or her share of the rent. Each of you will have to pay the full amount of the rent if the other should stop paying or move out. Check references, employment status and income before you move in with anyone.

Second, can you live with the person, and keep your sanity too? Discuss all the issues that will surely come up. Will you be sharing food, or is everyone on their own? Sharing food means discussing food choices, a workable budget etc. Who will do which cleaning chores, and on what kind of schedule? One person's idea of a clean bathroom may not pass muster with someone else. And one person's idea of clutter is another's idea of "that lived in look".

Guests can be another sore spot. Stories abound about visitors who somehow wind up as permanent "guests". And no one likes their sleep disturbed if a roommate is entertaining at inconvenient hours. Communication is the key with these issues as well.

You may be inclined to stick with friends and family when considering roommate possibilities. But the old saying, "familiarity breeds contempt" can be all too true. Often a random roommate choice works like a charm. Don't be afraid to explore the many websites that offer roommate searches that can help you zero in on folks with similar personalities, finances, likes and dislikes.

Take the time to meet with prospective roommates beforehand. Be honest about your expectations. The key is communication. Make checklists, and talk, talk, talk.

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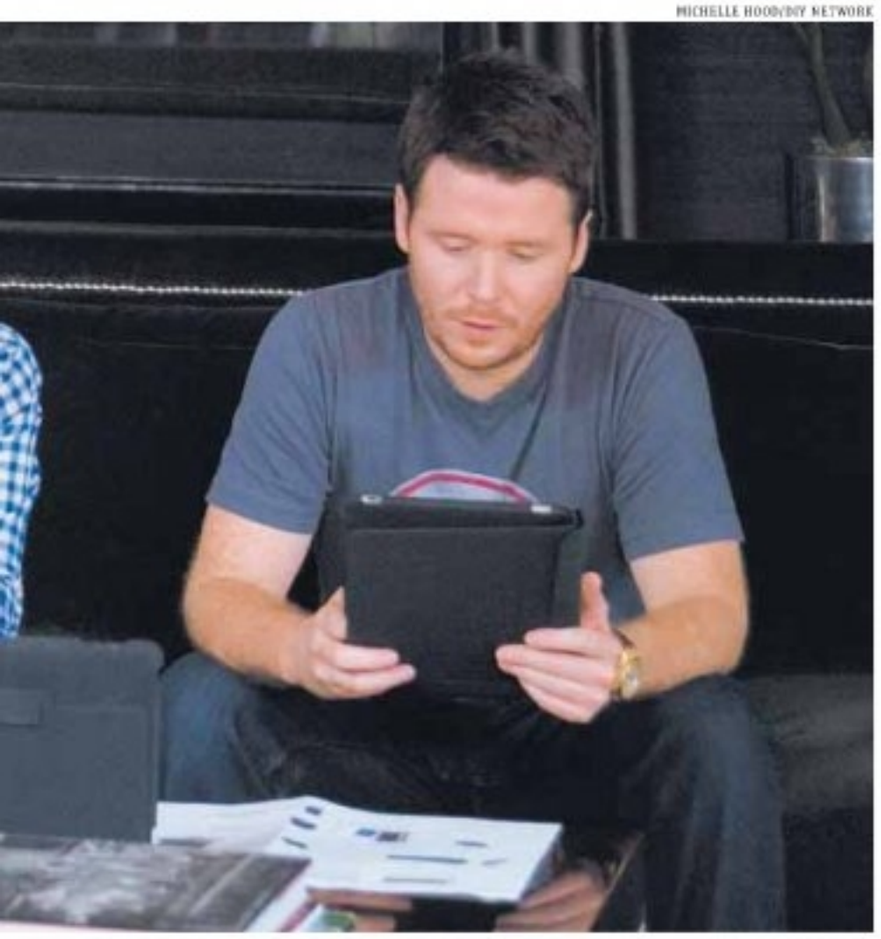

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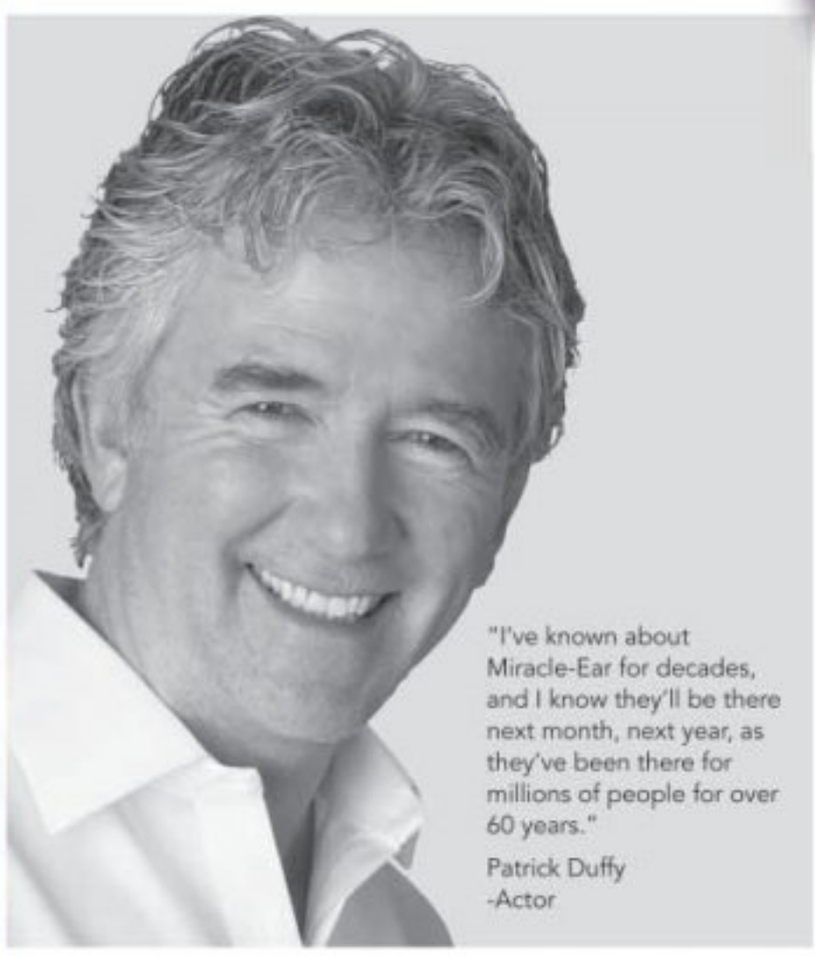

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